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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 GERALD ALAN INMAN, *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 U.S. BANK N.A., *et al.*,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:20-cv-05424-BHS-JRC

PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

15 The District Court has referred this matter to the undersigned. *See* Dkt. 8. The parties
16 have filed their joint status report. Dkt. 17.

17 The Court declines to set a trial date at this time. A trial date and subsequent pretrial
18 deadlines will be set by the assigned District Judge, the Honorable Benjamin H. Settle, if the
19 case has not been resolved by motion or settlement.

20 Having reviewed the parties' joint status report, the Court enters the following pretrial
21 deadlines:

Event	Date
Deadline for joining additional parties	August 17, 2020

1	Deadline for amending pleadings	August 31, 2020
2	Plaintiff's expert disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	January 15, 2021
3	Defendant's expert disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	January 29, 2021
4	Rebuttal expert disclosures	February 12, 2021
5	All motions related to discovery must be noted on the motion calendar no later than the Friday before discovery closes pursuant to LCR 7(d) and LCR 37(a)(2)	
6	Discovery completed by	March 31, 2021
7	All dispositive motions must be filed by (<i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	April 30, 2021

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9 This order sets firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by
10 agreement of counsel for the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon good cause
11 shown. Failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as good cause.
12 If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal
13 holiday, the act or event shall be performed on the next business day.

14 **DISCOVERY**

15 The Court strongly encourages parties to make every effort to resolve discovery disputes
16 without the Court's intervention, which includes the expedited joint motion procedure set forth in
17 LCR 37(a)(2). In the event those efforts are not successful, the parties may jointly telephone the
18 court when presented with disputes regarding discovery issues that are particularly time-
19 sensitive. All parties to the discovery dispute **MUST** participate in making the call to the Court.
20 See LCR 7(i). Counsel should contact Kelly Miller by email at
21 Kelly_Miller@wawd.uscourts.gov to make arrangements for a telephone conference with the
22 Court.

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STIPULATIONS AND STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Stipulated motions should be filed as a “stipulated motion” rather than a “stipulation,” “agreed motion,” or “unopposed motion.” Stipulated motions may be noted for the day they are filed but may not necessarily be signed that day. When filing stipulations, include a proposed order for the Judge to sign and send a Word version of the order to settleorders@wawd.uscourts.gov and to creaturaorders@wawd.uscourts.gov.

Western District Local Rule 26(c) discusses and contains a link to the district’s model protective order, which the parties are encouraged to use and which is also available on the Western District Court’s website. The rule requires that when parties submit a stipulated protective order for the Court’s approval, they must also provide the Court with a redlined version, identifying departures from the model. LCR 26(c)(2). The redlined version may be submitted to chambers via an email to settleorders@wawd.uscourts.gov and to creaturaorders@wawd.uscourts.gov.

REQUESTING ORAL ARGUMENT AND COURTESY COPIES

After briefing has been completed on a motion, the Court will decide whether to grant a request for oral argument. Should oral argument be allowed, the Court will contact the parties to schedule a date and time. Most motions can be decided without oral argument.

Counsel shall refer to Judge Settle’s webpage, <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/settle-procedures>, for directions regarding courtesy copies.

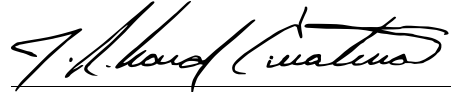
SETTLEMENT

If this case settles before the Honorable Benjamin H. Settle has ruled on any dispositive motions, plaintiff’s counsel shall notify Kelly Miller via e-mail at

1 Kelly_Miller@wawd.uscourts.gov, as soon as possible. Otherwise, plaintiff's counsel shall
2 notify the Honorable Benjamin H. Settle's courtroom deputy at (253) 882-3825. Pursuant to
3 LCR11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be
4 subject to such discipline as the Court deems appropriate.

5 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to all parties of record.

6 Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.

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10 J. Richard Creatura
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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